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Dear Helen:

My name is (b) (6) and I live in Eagledale, two blocks up from Pritchard Park. We have been active park users for the last 12 years and I am currently on the trails committee (for Pritchard Park) with another neighbor, (b) (6). We would like to add our voices to the many in support of Alternative 4 of the EPA recommended cleanup options for the Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Superfund site on Bainbridge Island.

It is critical to contain the existing substantial contamination at Pritchard Park. The beaches at the park are popular and the existing closure areas outside of the area contained by the sheet wall are still frequented by park visitors. Threats posed by earthquakes and increased precipitation due to climate change are cause for concern and caution. We have studied the options, spoken with EPA staff and contractors, island scientists and engineers and our neighbors and feel that Alternative 4 offers the best solution for the community and for the environment. The Feasibility Study predicts that Alternative 4 versus could be completed in 10 years, whereas Alternative 7 was estimated at 24-34 years. Although the upfront costs would be greater, Alternative 4 would ultimately be less expensive in both time and money. The concrete bulkhead design (with options similar to the new Seattle seawall) would be more ecologically sound and more attractive than a steel sheet wall. We also think that Alternative 4 would minimize the traffic and noise and congestion, and their negative impacts on the the community.

Previous clean up efforts at the site have minimized traffic impacts by relying on transportation/delivery of materials by barge which made a big difference to the community. Accommodations were also made, and improvements to Eagle Harbor Drive that allowed for continued use by pedestrians and bicyclists. Any redesigning of the access road will need to consider future use of the park to optimize community usage of the eastern bluff of the park - gateway to the harbor and views east to Seattle and the Cascades. This area will also need to plan for eventual ADA and improved emergency access for Pritchard Park.

We deeply appreciate your dedication and hard work, both the State Department of Ecology and The NW Regional Office of the EPA, developing a feasible and permanent solutions for the toxic contaminants at Pritchard Park.

Your efforts will make this place healthier and more beautiful, for all of us - thank you!

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